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## ONE MILLION ACTS OF GREEN CHALLENGE Airdrie beats out Okotoks

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – On March 15, 2009, Airdrie was declared the winner in the green battle against Okotoks in the One Million Acts of Green Challenge. The three month challenge saw Airdrie and Okotoks battling to post the most green acts on the One Million Acts of Green website challenge.

“I want to congratulate all Airdrie and Okotoks residents for participating in the challenge and demonstrating all the environmental stewardship happening in their communities and homes,” says Mayor Linda Bruce. “We are all winners in this challenge as both Okotoks and Airdrie were able to showcase their commitment to green initiatives.”

Mayor Bruce and Okotoks Mayor McAlpine agreed the losing council would work at the winning city’s recycling depot. Mayor McAlpine and his council will put in their hours at the Airdrie Recycling Depot later this month.

Final Challenge Numbers:

|                            | <b>Town of Okotoks</b> | <b>City of Airdrie</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Total Participation        | 593                    | 728                    |
| <b>Total Acts of Green</b> | <b>27150</b>           | <b>33718</b>           |
| GHG Saved                  | 2676338 kg             | 3348069 kg             |
| Average GHG Saved          | 4513 kg                | 4598 kg                |

One Million Acts of Green is an environmental awareness program initiated by CBC’s ‘The Hour’ with George Stroumboulopoulos and Cisco Systems Inc. The objective is to get Canadians to complete One Million Acts of Green. An act was as simple as switching to CFL light bulbs, starting a recycling program, or walking to work. The idea behind the campaign is that one small act can make a big difference.

Residents had until March 15, 2009 to post their acts of green on the [www.onemillionactsofgreen.com](http://www.onemillionactsofgreen.com) web site in order for the act to count towards the overall total. The individual with the most acts of green from the Airdrie group will win a \$500 gift certificate from Home Depot. The winner will be announced later this week.

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